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NOTES ON SOME COLONIAL GOVERNORS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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Sir John Yeamans, baronet, born 1610?—died 1674.
Landgrave and Governor of Carolina.

Arms: Sable, a chevron between three cronels of spears argent. *Crest*: A dexter arm holding a spear proper.¹

The will of Sir John Yeamans, now printed in full for the first time as far as I am aware, gives valuable material for his family history, which has not been used even in the most recent published accounts of himself or family. On the other hand, the results of recent work on Yeamans has appeared in print too late to be incorporated in the latest history of South Carolina—that of General McCrady. It therefore seemed advisable to bring the whole of this material together in this magazine, particularly as the printed material referred to is not readily accessible.²

All the historians of South Carolina, as well as Oliver in his recent *History of Antigua*,³ where he gives an extensive pedigree of Yeamans, follow the account of John Burke in his *Extinct Baronetcies*,⁴ who makes Sir John Yeamans, and his brother, Sir Robert Yeamans (who was also a baronet), sons of Robert Yeamans, royalist Alderman of Bristol, who, for trying to deliver up the city to Prince Rupert for the King, was hanged in 1643, by order

¹Burke, "*Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies*"; also "*General Armory*."

²For the public career of Sir John Yeamans, and the offices held by him, see;—*Collections of the South Carolina Historical Society*, Volumes I, II, III, which contain abstracts of State Papers in the Public Record Office, London, which relate to South Carolina; *Ibid*, Vol. V, *Shaftsbury Papers*, edited by Langdon Cheves, Esq; *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, American and West Indies*, London, (for the period desired); *Colonial Records of North Carolina*, Volumes I and II; as well as the various Histories of South Carolina, particularly that of Gen. McCrady.

³*History of Antigua*, by Vere L. Oliver, three volumes—

Vol. III, p. 268.

⁴*Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England, Ireland and Scotland*. By John Burke, 2nd Edition, 1844—See "*Yeamans of Bristol*."

of Nathaniel Fiennes, Governor of Bristol for the Parliament. Burke goes on to say of Sir John Yeamans, the subject of this account, that "in consideration of the loyalty and death of his father [he] was created a Baronet in 1664-5, and settled in Barbadoes." The English scholars, however, who have prepared the accounts of Sir John Yeamans, "baronet, and colonial governor," and of Robert Yeamans, "royalist," for the *Dictionary of National Biography* [British], say that "both these affiliations are fictitious." Mr. A. F. Pollard in his article on Robert Yeamans or Yeomans (d. 1643), royalist,⁵ says that he "came of a numerous Bristol family," was a "well-known merchant and alderman of Bristol, and in 1641-2 served as sheriff." "He is said in the royalist accounts to have left by his wife, a kinswoman also named Yeamans, eight very young children, and a ninth was born posthumously. The eldest son is said to have been Sir John Yeamans (q. v.), and the second Sir Robert Yeamans, who, like his brother, was created a baronet on 31 Dec., 1666, and died without issue, being buried in St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on 7 Feb., 1686-7. But both affiliations are fictitious; Sir John was born not later than 1611, and Sir Robert was baptized on 19 April, 1617, and both were apparently sons of John Yeamans, brewer, of Redcliffe, whose will is dated 1645. Many other members of the family are mentioned as taking prominent part in local affairs at Bristol and at Barbados. (*Cal. State Papers, Dom. and America and West Indies*, 1660 sqq. passim.) The only child of the royalist, whose relationship to him is established, is his daughter Anne, who married Thomas Curtis, the quaker of Reading, and interceded for George Fox's release in 1660 (*ib. Dom.*, 1660-1, p. 455; Fox, *Journal*, 1891, i, 479). Other members of the Yeamans family were quakers, and one of them married Isabel, daughter of Margaret Fell, and step-daughter of Fox (*ib. passim*; Smith, *Cat. Friends' Books*, p. 968).⁶

⁵See Vol. LXIII (1900); under *Yeamans*.

⁶References given by Pollard—"The Severall Examinations and Confessions. London, 1643 4^{to}"; *The Two State Martyrs*, London, 1643, 4^{to}; Addit. Ms. [Brit. Museum] 24121, ff. 365, 368; Rushworth's Collection, III, ii, 152-154; Lists of Sheriffs, 1898; *Cal. State Papers, Dom.* 1640-3, p. 452; *Clarendon's Rebellion*, ed. Macray,

Mr. J. A. Doyle gives the following personal items in regard to Sir John Yeamans, in his article for the *Dictionary of National Biography*:⁵—"Eldest son of John Yeamans (d. 1645), brewer, of Bristol, was born at Bristol and baptized at St. Mary Redcliffe on 28 Feb., 1611. He attained the rank of colonel in the royalist army, and about 1650 migrated to the Barbados. In July, 1660, he was on the council of that colony. In 1663 a number of planters in Barbados made arrangements with the proprietors of Carolina for establishing a colony at Cape Fear. The proprietors, by the exercise of their influence at Court, secured a baronetcy for Yeamans, conferred on him 12 Jan., 1664-5, and on 11 Jan., 1665, they appointed him governor of their colony - - - - - When in 1667 Locke drew up for Carolina a fantastic paper constitution entitled the 'fundamental constitution,' - - - Yeamans was created a landgrave⁸. - - - In April, 1674, the proprietors superceded Yeamans, - - - and in the same year he returned to Barbados, where he died in August. Sir John's considerable wealth in Barbados passed to his son, Major Sir William Yeamans, second baronet, and great-grandfather of Sir John Yeamans, of Barbados, whose son, Sir Robert (d. 19 Feb., 1788), was the last baronet."⁹

In corroboration of the authors quoted from the *Diction-*

Vii, 53; Gardiner's *Civil War*: i, 99; *Hist. Mss. Comm.*, 5th Rep. App., p. 323; *Commons' Journal*, iii, 97; Duke of Portland's Mss., i, 47, 107, 114, 118; Warburton's *Prince Rupert*, ii, 140-1; Leyer's *Memoirs of Bristol*, i, 408; Washbourne's *Bibl. Glouc.*, Vol. ii, pp. xl, clii; Hunts' *Bristol*, pp. 146-9; Burke's *Extinct Baronetcies; Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, ii, 94-5, V, 367-8, 431."

⁵Vol. LXIII (1900), under *Yeamans*.

⁸An error in date—McCrary gives it correctly—1671. (See List of Landgraves, p. 717 of *So. Ca., under Prop. Govt.* Also *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1669-1674*, p. 190. 1671, April 5. "Draft patent for a Landgrave of Carolina to Sir John Yeamans." [*Shaftsbury Papers*, Section IX, Bundle 48, No. 78]. See also, *Coll. S. Ca. Hist. Soc.*, Vol. V, *Shaftsbury Papers*, p. 314—note.

⁹Doyle's references—"Burke's *Extinct Baronetcies; Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, 1884, ii, 95, and 1894, v, 307, 431; *Colonial State Papers*, Ed. Sainsbury; Carroll's *Historical Collection of South Carolina*; McCrary's *Hist. of South Carolina under the Proprietary Government*, 1857, pp. 8, 69, 75, 79, 81, 82, 122, 131, 139, 141, 150, 154-8, 160-5, 171, 345; Brown's *Sketch of the Hist. of South Carolina*; Hewat's *Hist. of South Carolina*, 1779; Winsor's *Hist. of America*; Appleton's *Cyclop. of American Biography*."

ary of *National Biography*, it is worth adding that the statement that Sir John Yeamans was one of several "very young children" in 1643, is shown to be absurd by the fact that his son, William Yeamans, was a *Major* of militia in 1664, and if only 21 years of age at that date, he, William Yeamans, would himself have been born in 1643.¹⁰ Again, Burke's statement as to the reason for Sir John Yeamans being created a baronet is shown to be wrong by the following abstract of a letter: "1665, Jan., 11., Cockpit. The Lords Proprietors of Carolina to Sir John Yeamans. Having received a good character of his abilities and loyalty from Sir John Colleton with an assurance that he will vigorously attempt the settling of a Colony to the southward of Cape Romania, they have prevailed with His Majesty to confer the honor of a Knight baronet upon him and his heirs, and by their commission which goes with his son they have endeavoured to comprehend all interests," etc.¹¹

Sir John Colleton was himself one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina; he died in 1666, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Peter.¹² The family was related to General George Monk, Duke of Albermarle, also one of the Lords Proprietors, as is shown by the following letter to the Governor of Barbadoes: "1663, Aug. 31, Duke of Albermarle to Lord Willoughby. - - - Has written to his *own cousins* Modyford and Peter Colleton to promote the *Carolina* plantation,"¹³ The influence of this connection was amply sufficient to secure a baronetcy for Yeamans.

Oliver¹⁴ give nothing of value as to the ancestry of Sir John Yeamans, merely repeating the old statement that he was the son of Robert and Anne Yeamans, and even gives erroneous dates in connection with Sir John himself, as he

¹⁰See articles of agreement between the Lords Proprietors of Carolina of the one part "and Maio^r W^m Yeamans of Barbadoes for an on the behalfe of S^r Jn^o Yeamans Barr^o his father," and others of Barbadoes—7 Jan., 1664, pp. 29-33, *Collections of the So. Ca. Hist. Soc.*, Vol. V, *Shaftsbury Papers*.

¹¹*Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies*, 1661-1668, p. 269.

¹²See McCrady, *So. Ca. under Prop. Govt.*, p. 715; and this magazine, Volume I, "The Colleton Family in South Carolina."

¹³*Cal. State Papers, Colonial series, American and West Indies*, 1661-1668, p. 157.

¹⁴*History of Antigua*, Vol. III, p. 268.

states that he was Governor of Carolina until 1680, and was dead by 1686!

Doyle has given us nothing in regard to the marriages and issue of Sir John Yeamans in his critical article for the *Dictionary of National Biography*, merely naming his son and heir, Sir William Yeamans, the second baronet. Burke, however, says—"he married first a daughter of Mr. Limp, by whom he had a son, 1 William, his heir; and secondly, Margaret, daughter of the Rev. John Foster," and had issue by her. This is corroborated, or perhaps simply repeated, by Oliver in his *History of Antigua*,¹⁵ who gives, married *first* "a daughter of Limp," by whom his son and heir, Sir William Yeamans, who married "Willoughby, daughter of Sir James Browne, Knt., she was of St. Lucy's and St. Peter's Parishes, 1676-80." By her Sir William had a son and heir, Sir John Yeamans, third baronet, who married "Margaret, dau. of Philip Gibbes, of Barbadoes, Esq.; aet. 45 and of St. Peter's, 1715; remar. William Foster, Esq.," etc., etc. Sir John Yeamans the first baronet, married *secondly*, "Margaret, dau. of Rev. John Forster of Barbados," by whom he had—"Robert Yeamans of Barbados, heir to his uncle, Sir Robert Yeamans 1686," married "Elizabeth, dau. of Elisha Mellows, Esq." issue.

How incomplete these two accounts are, the will itself will show. Oliver gives quite an extensive pedigree of some of the later generations, but seems to have done no original work among the public records of Barbadoes for his earlier generations.

The following record of the will of Sir John Yeamans appears on pages 2-7 of Registrars Records, book for the years 1675-1696—(Office of Historical Commission, Columbia, S. C.).

"Decemb^r ye 13th 1675

"A trew Coppye of y^e Last will & testament of S^r John Yeamans Kn^t: & Barron^t: Late of Carolina deceased: proved and approved of by S^r W^m: Yeamans Barr^t: Sone

¹⁵Vol. III, p. 268.

& hey^r: to ye saide dceased & sole Execut^r in ye s^d will Nominated (by ye name of W^m: Yeamans Esq^r) as by the attestacon of S^r Jonath Attkins Gov^rnor of Barbadoes where unto he have set his hand & caused his Majt^{ies}: great seale apoynted for s^d Barbad: & oth^r y^e Caribbe Islandes to be afixed: together wth s^d S^r: W^m: Yeamans his Letter of Attorney to Coll Joseph West & Lt: Coll John Godfree or eith^r of them attested wth: his hand & Seale. brought before proved & approved of by Coll Joseph West Gov^rno^r: of this north pte of ye Province of Carol y^e 14th of Sep^r: 1675.

“In the name of God Amen

I S^r John Yeamans Barron^t: being ready to Imbarque my selfe to y^e Province of Carol, & well consid^ring y^e Incertanty of humane Condicon by Extraordinary hazards y^t accompany such und^rtakings doe therefore for y^e settling my worldly concernm^{ts}: declare this my last will & Testam^t in manner following, hereby revoakeing all form^r will what-soev^r

first I will that all ye depts I duely owe bee paide Justly & wth: all dillgence & paid by my execut^r here aft^r: named Item in y^e first place as is my affection I give & bequeath unto my deare wife y^e Lady Margeret Yeamans in full recompense of hir Dower Thirty thousand pounds of Muscavados sugar anually from y^e day^e of my death dureing hir natural Life & also dureing that terme aforesaide I give & bequeath to hir y^e entire use of y^e house where in I now dwell, together wth: all ye Landes belonging thereunto Cont: about forty five acres, bounding upon y^e Lands of Hen: Mills Esq^r.; Thomas Merricke Esq^r: & the Landes that L^t: Coll Berrenger dyed seized: togeth^r allso wth: all ye houses & Edifices thereon beeing Provided allways that my s^d deare wife shall make habitacon thereon, & not lease it out & to bee the place — hir abode whensoev^r she please, soe that she continue — [*corner of page worn off*] Item I doe bequeath allsoe dureing my deare wifes life natural life [sic] theise negroes following (vide) old Hannah & hir children Jupiter litle Tony & Joane allso I give and bequeath unto hir y^e eight milch cowes w^{ch}: have

ben accustomed to be milked about y^e house & all the hogs turkeys, Ducks & fowles, that I have att p^{se}nt in aney p^{te} of my possessions and my will is that the p^{ti}cular of Stock in this last clause expressed shall bee in hir absolute power & disposall from the date of these presents, and allsoe all y^e furniture of my saide dwelling house & household stufe whatsoev^r: All my Plate Jewells, Rings, money, linen beding & all Utensills in my saide dwelling house being or thereunto belonging, and allsoe my coach & y^e fower horses & Harnesse & allsoe y^e Choyce of aney one of my horses fit for rideing for hir owne use to bee & rem^{ain}e [sic] to hir & hir hey^{rs} forever in recompence of the care & education of hir children & in full consideracon of hir Dower: Item I give & bequeath unto my said wife all the negroes young & old that L^t: Coll Berringer dyed possessed of & that came to hir afterwards by right of Administ^rcon & to mee by Intermarriadge wth: hir togeth^r allsoe wth: all the increase. Item my will is allsoe that ye custody of all my Children unmarried & und^r y^e age of twenty one yeares & till they shall attaine it shall bee in my deare wife: & that she educate them in such mann^r as shall seeme fit to hir Judgemen^t, & they prove Capable of & notwth: standing y^e provision I have allready made & ye Charge thereof may be lesse felt by my deare wife my will is that Execut^r hereafter named provide att his owne charge one decent Suite of Apparrell for each of my Children yearly, the same to bee delw^d to my sade wife for theire use Item I give & bequeath to unto [sic] my Daught^r: Willoughbye one hund^d & twenty thousand pounds of Muscavados Sugar to bee paide by my Execut^r wthin ten yeares aft^r hir mariadage or when she Arive to y^e age of twenty one yeares, w^{ch}: — [*rubbed*] first hapen. Item I give & bequeath unto my Sone Ro — [*gone*] two hundrd thousand poondes of good Muscavadoes sug^r to — [*gone*] by my Execut^r when hee shall arive to y^e age of twenty one yeares Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Anne one hundrd and twenty thousand poondes of good Muscavados Sug^r to be p^d. by my Execut^r wthin two yeares aft^r: hir marriage or when she comes to y^e age of twenty one yeares w^{ch} of them shall

first hapen. Item I give & bequeath unto my two sons George & Edward each of y^m one hundrd & fivety thousand poundes of good Muscavadoes Sug^r to be paide to each of them when they or each of them shall Arive to y^e age of twenty one yeares by my Execut^r. Item I give & bequeath to my wives daughter: [sic] Margaret forever 17^{thoud} poundes of Muscavadoes Sugar wth: in three yeares to bee paid by my execut^r after hir marriadge or shee attaine to y^e age of twenty one yeares wth shall first hapen. Item I give and bequeath unto my wives Sone John forty thousand poundes of Sug^r wthin three yeares next aft^r he shall attaine to ye age of twenty one yeares. Item I give unto my daughter [sic] Mrs ffrances Hackett now wife of Rob^t: Hackett Esq^r: wthin fower years after my decease twenty thousand poundes of Sug^r to buy hir a ring by my executor. Item I give to my wives Daught^r: [sic] M^{rs}: Ma — [*worn away*] Maycoke five thousand poundes of Sugar to buy hir a ring to bee paide by my Execut^r. Item I give to my wives son Symon the choice of my horses for his owne use, and to be deliv^ded by my Execut^r. Item I give to my nephew Samuel Woorey twenty thousand poundes of Sugar to bee paid by my execut^r wthin three yeares after my decease in furth^r Lieu of his time sp — wth: mee. Item my furth^r will is that If my wife dye before my children or aney of them arive to their Age or time of mariadge as aforesaid, that then my Execut^r doe pay yearely ev^y yeare five thousand poundes of Musc^o sugar for each of them maintenance & education to whomsoever my saide wife shall Apoynt to have y^e Custody of them, or for want of such Apoyntment to whomesoev^r: shall have them in Custody to edu— educate [sic] them & maintaine them untill they Arive respectively to their Age or dayes of marriadge. Item I make my Sone William Esq^r [sic] my whole & sole Executor for y^e paym^t: of my debts & legacies herein menconed & for ye due & punctual pf of all oth^r matters that to ye duty of an Execut^r belongs and doe bequeath unto my saide Sone all my Estates real and psonall undisposed of in this my will wth all reversions and remaind^{rs} to him & to his hey^{rs}: for ever upon expresse condicon that

hee doe punctually pforme all y^e bequests and ord^{rs} in this will expressed And to this my last will & testam^t I have put my hand & Seale this twentyeth day of Maye in the yeare of o^r Lord one thousand six hund^ded seventy one

Test John Yeamans (Seal.)

Will Browne

Tho: Bamfield

Nich^o: Carteret

Item I doe farth^r will that my deare wife have my vessell Ketch caled by y^e name of the Hopewell now in a voyage to Virginia & expected hith^r to enjoye for hir and heyres for ever. Item I give & bequeath unto my s^d deare wife two pcells of land containing twenty acres ten acres in each the one I bought of Phelps bounding on M^{rs} Sandiford, & on Thomas Jones the oth^r bought of James Mast^{rs} and Henry Jones bounding on M^{rs} Gay, my broth^r ffostr^r. and on Rob^t: Clifton, to hir & her hey^{rs} forever. To this Addicon allsoe of my last will annexed to the oth^r sheet I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this 20th day of May 1671.

Sealed & deliv^ded theise John Yeamans (Seal.)

two sheets conteyneing
my will in ye prsence of

W^m Browne

Tho: Bedingfield [sic]

Nich^o Carteret.

“Barbadoes.

“By his Excellency

“M^r W^m: Browne this day psonally apeared before me and made oath on the holy Evangelists that hee did see S^r Jn^o: Yeamans Barron^{tt}: Signe Seale & publish this will as his last will and testament and that he was att ye doeing thereof of sound & disposing memory to the best of this Deponents Knowledge given und^r my hand y^e first day of Decemb^r 1674

Jonathan Attkins

“A trew Coppy attested
ye 15^o days of June 1675

p Edwyn Steede Dep^{ty}
Secret^y

“Barbadoes

By his Excellency

“These are to certifiye all whome theise psents shall concerne that upon the fiveteenth day of June in y^e yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundrd seventy & five, and y^e seven & twentyeth yeare of ye Reigne of o^r Sov^eigne Lord Charles y^e Second by y^e Grace of God of Engl Scot-land ffrance & Ireland King defend^r of y^e ffaithe &^{et}: psonally apered before mee John Prysse aged twenty five years or thereabouts, Clark to Edwyn Steede Esq^r Dep^{ty} Secretary of y^e aforesaid Island and made oath on ye Holy Evangelists, that the annexed pages coppinges of ye last will & Testamen^t. of S^r: John Yeamans Barron^t: and of y^e lett^r testamentary thereon both attested und^r ye hand of y^e say^d Edwyn Steed, were by him sayde John Prysse examined & compared wth: y^e Recordes now remaining in the sayde Secretaries office, & that they are trew coppinges of ye sayde Recordes in testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused His Maj^{ties} great Seale appoynted for this & oth^r ye^e Carribbee Islandes to bee to theise p^rsents afixed the day & yeare above wrighten

J Atkins

To all whome theise p^rsents shall come or may concerne.”
[Ibid, page 7]

“Barbadoes.

“By his Excellency”— Know y^e— that 1st Dec. 1674, before mee the last will & testament of S^r John Yeamans Bar^t. dec’d was proved — & therefore S^r W^m Yeamans Bar^t., son & heir to s^d dec’d & sole Exec^{or} is admitted to take into his custody & admin^r all estate of s^d dec’d 2nd Dec. 1674.

Jonathan Atkins

A copy attested by
Edwyn Steede Dep. Sec.

15 June 1675.

[Ibid, page 8.] I, “S^r William Yeamans Barron^t: heire & sole Execut^r: of the last will & testam^t of S^r John Yeamans Barron^t: deceased”, appoint “well beloved friends

Coll Joseph West & L^t: Coll John Godfrey" my lawful
Attorneys in the Province of Carolina — 16 June 1675.

[witnesses]

Will Yeamans

William Mayers

Dorcas Smith

Carolina.

By the Governor.

The aforesaid Wm. Mayers this day made oath before me that he saw said S^r. W^m. Yeamans sign etc. the above power of Attorney. At Charles Town, 8th Sept. 1675.

Joseph West.

The will above given shows us that Sir John Yeamans mentions a *brother Foster*. This accords with the statement of Burke and Oliver, before given, that Sir John's last wife was born Foster. The will, however, shows even more clearly that, at the time of her marriage to Yeamans, she was the widow of Lt. Col. — Berringer, of Barbadoes; unfortunately the Christian name of her first husband does not appear. The only mention of a person of that surname (in the records now accessible to me) *prior* to the date of the will, is that of "Benj. Beringer," who signs his name to the "Declaration of the Representative Body of Barbadoes," Nov. 5th, 1651, as member of the Council for that Island.¹⁶ In this document the Council and seventeen members of the Assembly announce their intention to "manfully 'stick' to Lord Willoughby, their Lord Lieut.-General, and fight under his command in defense of his government" against the Parliamentary forces sent to reduce the Island.

The wording of the will is too loose and ambiguous for us to be positive that the minor children mentioned by Sir John, were by this last marriage to Margaret Berringer, widow; they may have been his children by a former wife. That his last wife survived him is shown by the following grant, recorded on page 11 of the same book in which the will is to be found:

"The Coppy of a grant to y^e Lady Margaret Yeamans for one thousand and seaventy Acres of Land bareing date y^e ninth day of Feby 1674/5.

"John Lord Berkely Pallatine" and the Lords Proprie-

¹⁶*Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, 1574-1660*, pp. 364-5.

tors of the Province of Carolina, "hereby Grant unto Margaret Lady Yeamans, Widdow a Plantacon" of 1070 acres of land now in possession "of y^e s^d Lady Margaret Yeamans," bounding upon "Yeamans his Creeke in Ittawan River," etc., etc., 9th Feb. 1674. Joseph West Gov^r.

The "Margaret Lady Yeamans" of the above grant, married shortly afterwards James Moore, as is proved by the public records of the State; he subsequently became Governor of South Carolina. The use of "Lady" as the title given to the wife and widow of Sir John Yeamans, baronet, is particularly interesting. As the wife of an English baronet her correct title was Dame, I believe; but Sir John was also a Landgrave of Carolina, and under the Proprietary government at least, the use of "Lady" to designate a Landgrave's wife was by no means rare. The use of the latter title by Sir John Yeamans in his will in referring to his wife, and its use in the grant just cited was, therefore, not incorrect. The land grant just cited brings up another point of interest—"Yeamans his Creeke." This is the well known *Goose Creek* of later days, as a deed of Edward Middleton's, dated 26 May, 1680. shows, for therein he describes a plantation he is selling as "scituate upon ye south side of Goose Creek, alias Yeamans Creek, in this province." The substitution of Goose Creek for the older name commemorating the connection of our first governor with the colony, can only be regretted, though Yeamans Hall, on Goose Creek, long the residence of descendants of Landgrave Thomas Smith, has carried the name down to the present day.

As before indicated, it is impossible to assign the known children of Sir John Yeamans to their respective mothers with any degree of certainty. But if the date of his migration to Barbadoes—"about 1650"—is correctly given by Doyle, then Sir John must have married his first wife in England, and must have had by her at least two children who reached maturity; a third child was probably hers, and one or more of the rest may also have been by the first wife. The following table gives the best approximation I am able to make at present:

By the first wife, ————— Limp,

- I. William Yeamans, his heir, second Baronet; a Major in the Barbadoes militia, 1664-5 (see ante), he was therefore at least of age, and probably several years older at that date, hence born 1643 or earlier. He remained in Barbadoes, rose to the rank of Colonel, was member of Assembly, etc.¹⁷ He married Willoughby, dau. of Sir James Browne, Knt., and had issue (Oliver).

- II. ————— Yeamans. I have not been able to recover the Christian name of this son, but the following notice of him is to be found in the Calendar of State Papers, Colonial series:¹⁸— "1668, Sep. 15. Barbadoes. Gov. Wm. Lord Willoughby to Sec. Lord Arlington— Complains of some - - - - This serves only to give account that a son of Sir John Colleton's last week killed a son of Sir John Yeamans in a duel: is informed both had their swords drawn, but Colleton by flying has incurred more guilt than otherwise he might. Presumes it will amount to a forfeiture of his estate, and unless his crafty father has provided for such accidents, is informed this brother has a third part of it, it being equally divided among the three brothers. This country generally say that estates so gotten ought to return to the King; though it his duty to acquaint his Lordship that Colleton's brother, Sir Peter, might by no indirect way surprise his Majesty or his Lordship." "1669, March 2, Whitehall. Petition of Sir Gilbert Talbot, Knt., [to the King], for the estate of John Colleton, planter in Barbadoes, forfeited to his Majesty by killing one Yeamans, a planter there, with reference to the Commissioners of the Treasury to give order for it to him in such

¹⁷See *Cal. State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies*; also *Coll. S. C. Hist. Soc.*, Vol V.

¹⁸*Cal. State Papers, Colonial Series, American and West Indies*, 1661-1668, p. 613.

manner as they shall find necessary."¹⁹ Whether this son left issue is unknown to me.

- III. Frances Yeamans, married Robert Hackett, Esq. This daughter was married at the time her father made his will in 1671, if she was only sixteen and just married, she must have been born about 1655; she was quite probably a child of the first wife.

Possibly by the second wife,—Margaret, widow of Lt. Col. Berringer, and, according to Burke and Oliver, daughter of the Rev. John Foster of Barbadoes. These children following were at least under age at the making of their father's will, and were left in the guardianship of his wife, Margaret; it is, however, not positively clear from the will that they were her children.

- IV. Robert Yeamans. Said by Oliver to have been a son of Sir John by Margaret, and to have been heir to his uncle, Sir Robert Yeamans, Bart., who died 1686-7. Married Elizabeth, dau. of Elisha Mellows, Esq., issue.

V. George Yeamans,

VI. Edward Yeamans.

VII. Willoughby Yeamans. [a daughter]

VIII. Anne Yeamans.²⁰

Sir John Yeamans *may* have had other children besides those shown in his will, for the absence of a child's name from a will does not prove that such a child never existed, as it may have been portioned off on reaching maturity, and hence have had no further interest in the estate. It is, therefore, barely possible that the "Mr. John Yeamans," who was in Carolina contemporaneously with Sir John Yeamans, was his son. Mr. Langdon Cheves says of him in an editorial note to the Shaftesbury Papers: "Came from Barbadoes? 1671, was chosen to Parliament 1672,

¹⁹Ibid, Volume for 1669-1674, p. 10. For an account of "*The Colleton Family in South Carolina*," see this magazine, Volume I.

²⁰The succession of the children as given here, is, of course, arbitrary.

was Surveyor 1673, and of the Council 1674-1675."²¹ That he was some near relative, in all probability, is shown by the following item from the Journal of the Grand Council of South Carolina:²² 28 April, 1677, "Mr. John Yeamans Attorney for Dame Willoughbie Yeamans Guardian to S^r. John Yeamans a minor," etc., etc. What became of him, and whether or not he left descendants in South Carolina is not known to me. He may possibly have been the son of another member of the family in Barbadoes, whose name has some slight connection with the Province of Carolina, see—"Articles of Agreement had and made betweene - - - the Lords Proprieto^{rs} of the Province of Carolina of the one part and Maio^r W^m Yeamans Barbadoes for and on the behalfe of S^r Jn^o Yeamans Barr^o his father - - - Robert Gibbs - - - Henry Milles - - - Tho: Maycoke - - - John Gibbs, Basill Gibbs, - - - John Godfrey - - - W^m Forster Thomas Merricke, John Merricke, - - - Rob^t. Hacket, - - - John Forster - - - John Forster [again] - - - *Edward Yeamans*, - - - Nicolas Browne - - - & himselve Adventuro^{rs} to and Setlers of some part of ye Province aforesaid And of all others y^t shall Adventure setle and plant in the said Province of the other part as followeth," etc.²³ The Edward Yeamans here mentioned was probably identical with the Edward Yeamans noticed in the following papers: "1667. Feb. 18. Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes. - - - Warrant to Francis Tyrwhitt and Capts. Edward Yeamans and James Walker to impress the Gilded Lion, brought in prize by one of his Majesty's frigates, for service in the Leeward Isles, and with John Reid to make inventory of her arms and ammunition, &c."²⁴ Again on Jan. 13, 1675, we find noted in the Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes—"A new Bill for Imposition on liquors,

²¹*Coll. So. Ca. Hist. Soc.*, Vol. V, *Shaftesbury Papers*, p. 426, note 1. See also, same work, pp. 329, 408-9; 391, 452, 473, 453-4, 456, 463, 469, 471-5.

²²*Jour. Grand Counc. of S. C.*, 1671-80, edited by A. S. Salley, Jr., for the Hist. Comm. of S. C., 1907, page 81.

²³*Coll. of the S. C. Hist. Soc.*, Vol. V, *Shaftesbury Papers*, pages 29-30; the whole list is there given, which has been abstracted here for names mentioned in connection with Yeamans.

²⁴*Cal. of State Papers, Colon. Ser., American and West Indies*, 1661-1668, p. 447.

drawn by the Clerk, as the former Act is near expired. That the said Bill be in force for 12 months; that Lt.-Col. Wm. Bate be Treasurer and Majors John Hallett and Edw. Yeamans, Capt John Johnson, and Francis Bond or Edward Hussey, Comptrollers; and that the Bill pass." Possibly the Public Records of Barbadoes would show the relationship existing between these early members of the Yeamans family settled there.

The will of Sir John Yeaman is further interesting as throwing some light on the time of his arrival in Carolina in the year 1671. McCrady says:²⁵ We do not know exactly when Sir John Yeamans arrived in Carolina. On the 15th of November, 1670, he writes from Barbadoes to the Lords Proprietors, - - - He was still there in the early part of the year 1671, - - - And Lord Ashley addressed him there in April - - - As late as May the Proprietors instructed Captain Halsted if he traded at Barbadoes to consult Yeamans there. It appears, however, from a letter of Governor West to Lord Ashley that he had arrived in the colony, at the latest, early in July, and had expected to have been at once recognized as Governor by reason of his being a Landgrave." Cheves says:²⁶ "Sir J. Yeamans arrived in Carolina from Barbadoes about 1 July, 1671." The will of Sir John was dated 20th May, 1671, and the opening clause informs us that "being ready to Imbarque myselfe to y^e Carol," he makes his will to settle his affairs. This still further reduces the limits of the period in which his arrival in Carolina must have taken place.

²⁵*So. Ca. under the Proprietary Government, 1670-1719*, pages 154, 155.

²⁶*Coll. S. C. Hist Soc., Vol. V. Shaftsbury Papers*, page 329, note.